

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for ensuring accurate font matching in exchanged documents, the
2 method comprising:
3 forming a database of font specifications; and
4 accessing the database when saving and opening documents to ensure usage of
5 proper fonts.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein accessing the database when storing further
2 comprises obtaining a font list for a document being saved, and determining whether font
3 specifications for each font in the font list exist in the database.

1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein when the font specifications do exist, the method
2 further comprises retrieving the font specifications for each font from the database.

1 4. The method of claim 3 wherein when the font specifications do not exist, the
2 method further comprises creating the font specifications for each font.

1 5. The method of claim 4 further comprising writing the font specifications into the
2 document, and saving the document.

1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein accessing the database when opening documents
2 further comprises retrieving font specifications from a document being opened.

1 7. The method of claim 6 further comprising searching the database to locate each
2 font specified by the font specifications in the document.

1 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising retrieving each font located.

1 9. A system for ensuring accurate font matching in exchanged documents, the
2 system comprising:

3 a database storage means; and

4 a computer processing means operating in conjunction with the database storage
5 means, the computer processing means for forming a database of font specifications in the
6 database storage means and for accessing the database when saving and opening documents
7 to ensure usage of proper fonts.

1 10. The system of claim 9 wherein the computer processing means further obtains a
2 font list for a document being saved, and determines whether font specifications for each
3 font in the font list exist in the database.

1 11. The system of claim 10 wherein when the font specifications do exist, the
2 computer processing means further retrieves the font specifications for each font from the
3 database.

1 12. The system of claim 11 wherein when the font specifications do not exist, the
2 computer processing means further creates the font specifications for each font.

1 13. The system of claim 12 wherein the computer processing means further writes
2 the font specifications into the document, and saves the document.

1 14. The system of claim 9 wherein the computer processing means further retrieves
2 font specifications from a document being opened, searches the database to locate each font
3 specified by the font specifications in the document, and retrieves each font located.

1 15. A computer readable medium containing program instructions for ensuring
2 accurate font matching in a document, the program instructions comprising:
3 forming a database of font specifications; and
4 accessing the database when saving and opening documents to ensure usage of
5 proper fonts.

1 16. The program instructions of claim 15 wherein accessing the database when
2 storing further comprises obtaining a font list for a document being saved, and determining
3 whether font specifications for each font in the font list exist in the database.

1 17. The program instructions of claim 16 wherein when the font specifications do
2 exist, the method further comprises retrieving the font specifications for each font from the
3 database.

1 18. The program instructions of claim 17 wherein when the font specifications do
2 not exist, the method further comprises creating the font specifications for each font.

1 19. The program instructions of claim 18 further comprising writing the font
2 specifications into the document, and saving the document.

1 20. The program instructions of claim 15 wherein accessing the database when
2 opening documents further comprises retrieving font specifications from a document being
3 opened, searching the database to locate each font specified by the font specifications in the
4 document, and retrieving each font located.